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Senate Probes Post-Veto Fate

Campus Senate followed its women's hours compromise move of last meeting with an exhaustive discussion of its fate after the veto and the future of the hours bill.

Action on the bill itself was tabled until after vacation.

Several senators argued for dropping any further hours action until next year.

One senator spoke at length on the *modus operandi* of the Senate on this issue. Citing one original intent of the Senate as communication between administration, faculty and students, he pointed out that the Senate erred in ignoring the opinions of the administration represented by the Provost and the Dean, and the faculty. He said the Senate could only expect a veto under such circumstances.

Calling for agreement and not compromise, which is a word he regarded as somewhat discredited by senators, he said it was wrong for senators to be intractable in the face of opposition from the other two power groups on campus. He pointed out that administrators, for example, are more likely to see the concerns of the whole institution, and another senator recalled that student responsibility ends at graduation, while permanent officials have to live with decisions much longer, and also have more experience.

Another senator, countering this argument, said he felt his obligation in the matter was to do the best thing for Kenyon. He indicated he was unconvinced by administration and faculty arguments, and therefore held as closely as possible to the original line.

He also pointed out Senate had compromised after hearing faculty opinion, eliminating 2 a.m.

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Letter

(Editor's note: Because of space considerations, it has been necessary to scatter Letters throughout the issue. They are presented in order of submission, and do not indicate preferred treatment on the part of the Collegian.)

To the Editor:

It was with great disgust that many seniors and students read in the February 22 Collegian Gregory Spaid's plans for the "Reveille" 1968. Most certainly "Experience in Things Beautiful" (Reveille 67) was everything its title proclaims, and it is a "tough act to follow." However, from Mr. Spaid's "previews" it would almost seem that "Reveille '68" might be entitled, "Absurd Lengths in One-Upmanship."

The traditional yearbook that one digs out of the trunk, by meaning, captures moments precious to Kenyon and its student body during that year. The traditional yearbook, by meaning, will mean something to each participating in and contributing to Kenyon. "Affirms Spaid: 'I never would have taken the job if it was in a traditional mold.'" Instead Spaid is offering us "rural Ohio, Mount Vernon, an entire campaign to girls, etc." Any men-

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Fred Halstead, Socialist for President.

Halstead Hits War, Jumps on Johnson

by Bob Garland

Fred Halstead, Socialist Worker's Party candidate for president, bitterly attacked the Vietnam war Tuesday night, closely rivaling the disrespect of a disrespectful

government, last presented locally by Paul Goodman.

Halstead began by abolishing the myth that if we don't fight the Communists in Viet Nam, we must fight them on the beaches of California. The Vietnamese are not about to attack the United States, nor are their Communist neighbors to the north, whom we are only provoking to further action.

The true reason for U.S. intervention in Southeast Asia was presented in 1954 by President Eisenhower as an attempt to aid the French in keeping their colony so we could continue importing tin and tungsten from the area. Why we continue today is not to maintain the right to trade but to attempt to actually control the industries. Halstead asserts that we must dispel our "nineteenth century Kipling-like attitude that all good flows from Europe and North America." We can still trade with a nation that we don't control, be it Communist or any other form of government. The price we now pay in our bid for the power of a few is exorbi-

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Kenyon Men Hear GOP in Columbus

Two Kenyon students, Stacy Evans and Herb Hennings, attended the School of Politics "Outlook '68," sponsored by the Ohio College League of Young Republican Clubs, Saturday.

The School was held in Columbus.

Morning highlights of the event were speeches by Ohio House Speaker Charles Kurfess and State Auditor Roger Cloud. Kurfess gave the keynote address, touching on a broad range of topics and stressing the need nationally for a change in administrations unencumbered by past policy mistakes.

After lunch, Congressman Robert Taft, Jr. spoke on the topic "Republican Outlook '68." Taft stressed the need for the G.O.P. to set priorities on America's most pressing problems.

In his opinion, the "issue uppermost in everyone's mind," the war in Viet Nam, must be an issue in the fall campaign. He pointed out that a Republican administration in Washington could explore new ways to its solution, unlike the Johnson Administration, weighted down by the precedents of past errors.

Drama 200 Catches Steinbeck's Mice

Drama 200 will present "Of Mice and Men" directed by Bill Cumming tomorrow and Saturday night at 8:30 in the Hill Theatre. Tickets are 75¢ for the general

New Grant To Finance PACC Library

The administration has acknowledged receipt of a gift from the William Horowitz Trust designated for completion of the library seminar-study facility at the Public Affairs Conference Center.

The grant will permit further purchase of equipment for the much-used facility which has been constructed entirely from grants. With the gift of the Horowitz Trust the combination of grants already received of the PACC during its first five years of operation at Kenyon will exceed \$100,000.

Prize Rules Change For Glory-Seekers

Several changes have been instituted in academic prizes for this spring at Kenyon.

A new poetry prize, the Proper Prize named for James M. Proper, Kenyon '51, is offered to the freshman or sophomore who submits the best poem or group of poems. Poems previously published in other than undergraduate reviews, or poems which have received similar awards, are not eligible.

Deadline for this prize is March 30. Entrants for this and all competitions should contact Robert Daniel, chairman of the English department on third floor Ascension.

The John Crowe Ransom poetry prize will alternate bi-annually with the current Robert Frost award. Both are for juniors and seniors, under the same conditions as the Proper prize, and the

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Debaters Take 2nd In State Tourney

A foursome of Kenyon debaters posted a 9-3 record for second place in the Ohio championship at Capital University last weekend.

Ken Moore, Richard Baehr, Kim Byham and Jeffrey Butz competed in the meet against the best teams in the state. Their record equalled that of winner Ohio State, but a 561-537 speakers' point deficit put Kenyon second.

Moore and Baehr, debating negative, posted a 5-1 record, with affirmative team Byham and Butz at 4-2. Kenyon defeated teams from Dayton, Oberlin, Kent State, Ohio University, Otterbein, Bowling Green, Youngstown, Ohio State and Miami in the two day tournament.

Next weekend, Byham and Butz will participate in the Ohio two man championship also to be held at Capital. The tournament will

be six rounds of switchside.

The same weekend, Baehr, Robert Berger, Stacey Evans and John Flanner will participate in a tournament at Western Reserve.

The Old Grad

Knepper Leaves for Wesleyan

John R. Knepper, Kenyon junior administrator and director of alumni affairs since 1963, will leave Kenyon next year for a new

post at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Knepper's job, termed Assistant to the President, will cover a

wide range of duties. Working as a personal assistant, he will handle numerous presidential duties the top man himself does not have time for. Knepper will also act in the president's absence.

The president of Wesleyan, Edwin D. Etherington, came to the college only last June from a post as president of the American Stock Exchange.

Knepper graduated from Kenyon in 1962. He returned in 1963 to work as assistant director of admissions. In 1964 he was named assistant to the vice president for development and in October 1965 alumni secretary.

Last year, Knepper became head of the Kenyon fund which raised over \$100,000 from alumni sources.



John Knepper, leaving after nine years.

VIETNAM TALK SUNDAY

A lecture by Ruth Krause entitled "What do the Vietnamese Think" will be held Sunday, at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

A reception will follow in the Chapel basement.

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 "Never argue with a cop unless you can lick him."
 — Fred Halstead, Candidate for U.S. President

Senate

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hours on Friday night. He said his fear with the threat of veto is that Senate would compromise its integrity, and in the future ask only for what it thinks it can get from the president. If that happens, he pointed out, nobody will respect its wishes.

Another senator questioned whether asking in the beginning for too little, or reaching agreement with other viewpoints after discussion, are not two different things. He argued that it is reasonable to agree in the face of opposition, but perhaps not so reasonable to follow the first senator's fears and ask for something other than what is wanted for political reasons.

Extensive discussion was also heard on handling of the bill itself. One senator stated he objected to the presentation of the Dean before the faculty. He said faculty had suddenly found itself confronted by a report which gave them no choice but to act against the Senate bill. Another senator said the report did not deal with the specific issue, but forced dissenting faculty members to oppose "God and mother." In the light of this action, they said an unrepresentative faculty opinion forced the issue and Senate was given pressure of an unwise nature.

Another senator pointed out that the Dean was merely making a dissenting opinion, and had every right to prepare it beforehand.

A great deal of criticism followed on the "omnibus" nature of the bill, tying the four proposals up in a bundle so that op-

Halstead

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tant, as Halstead bluntly put it: "I don't think its worth the lives 17,000 GPs for that kind of nonsense." The fight against Communism is no longer a battle for freedom of speech or religion, rather for "freedom of a major corporation going in and investing profitably."

Halstead feels we are in Southeast Asia clearly "because of somebody's racist arrogance and imperialist fixation with the last century." The only way out now is to "announce an immediate withdrawal and pull them out of there as fast as we can organize the transportation."

Mice

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futility of their situation and out of mercy and understanding for Lenny kills him.

The interjection of new characters, relationships and responsibilities seriously affects the equilibrium between the two. George is increasingly pressured until at the end he assumes Father/God figure toward Lenny.

"Lenny has a childish mentality and is a reflection of pure emotion," Cumming says. "There is no prejudice or hate in him. He runs basically in fear of George leaving him, not being able to tend the rabbits and doing something wrong." Lenny is totally dependent on George's direction and attention."

position to one meant opposition to all. One senator said this procedure precluded effective discussion of particular issues.

The Kenyon Film-makers Workshop is offering a course in basic film technique beginning immediately after Spring Vacation (exact date and details to be announced). This course is open to all Kenyon students and friends. It will run for approximately three one hour sessions extended over one week and will cover basic camera techniques, animation, film, editing and projection. It is a requirement of the Workshop that everyone who plans to use Workshop equipment (i.e., 16 mm Bolex camera, editors, projectors, etc.) for the re-

mainder of the year must attend this course. The same course will be offered again next year in September for those interested. A minimum fee of approximately \$1.00 per person may be charged. Anyone who wishes to attend this course should sign one of the four sheets posted on campus. Sheets are located on the bulletin board in the library, at the film society office in Rosse Hall, on the Peirce Hall bulletin board, and at the Reveille office. Deadline for signing into this course in March 8, 1968.

Letters

To the Editor:

Professor Hecht's advice to the Campus Senate and its Committee on drugs reveals a position that is narrow, ill-founded, and hardly pertinent to the findings of the Committee in its Report. After admitting that the Report is "admirably objective" in its compilation of facts and an "excellent basis" for rules governing the use of drugs at Kenyon, Professor Hecht subtly disregards both his own opening remarks and the information within the Report. The assumptions he advises the Senate to make in its deliberations do not take into account the conclusions offered by the Committee of the spirit of freedom and creativity which is inherent in the vision of the school's founders and certainly in its present-day community.

Not one of Professor Hecht's assumptions has any basis in the Report upon which he purports

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To the Editor:

As a contributing editor of the Collegian Mr. Strong is entitled to make known his observations and opinions on the editorial page. His recent "article" on the legislative powers of Campus Senate, however, raises some rather serious journalistic questions regarding the proper medium for his expression. It seems clear that Mr. Strong's purported "article" should have been carried in the letters to the editor column as it attempts to advance criticisms and draw larger implications from the author's rather brief exposure to the activities of the Campus Senate. In no sense does it appear that Mr. Strong is attempting to merely select and report the facts.

Before uncovering a few of Mr. Strong's mistaken assertions I should like to ask what Mr. Strong's credentials are to serve as a responsible critic of the Campus Senate. Mr. Strong has attended precisely one session of the Senate in the academic year 1967-68 as a representative of the Film Society. It seems evident, however, that from his one experience and a quick perusal of recent Senate minutes Mr. Strong feels qualified to shoot from the hip with many sophomoric assertions and conclusions. For example, he alleges that few meetings are fully attended. A check into the minutes dating back to September 12, 1967 reveals that only the meeting Mr. Strong attended (and two others) were not "fully attended" in that three official Senate members were absent. Further he alleges that President Lund appears to be more of a guest than a member of the Senate. According to the Constitution this is as it should be in that the President is an ex-officio member of the Campus Senate. Such a constitutional arrangement, of course, does not mean that the Senate does not keep the President constantly informed of its activities. It merely represents an equitable division of interest group representative power on the one hand and a convenient arrangement for a busy President on the other.

Mr. Strong comments that the passage of significant legislation is a rare occasion. Perhaps we could not agree on what constitutes significant legislation. It seems likely, however, that we could agree that changes in the constitution of the Special Pro-

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Problem of Obscenity

PACC Topic Set For '69 Seminar

(Editor's note: This is the first article, following last week's editorial, in a series dealing with department future plans. Comments are invited on this and all articles.)

The Collegian learned today that plans have been finalized for the Public Affairs Conference Center's program for 1968-69. Following up this year's lively exploration of the problem of Civil Disobedience, next year's seminar group will examine the complex issues that arise when government seeks to restrict literary and verbal expression that is thought to threaten public morality. A number of Distinguished Visitors in Residence will again be on campus to participate in the program.

Students interested in enrolling for the PACC program, either for credit or as auditors, should indicate such interest in writing to the Department of Political Science, thus assuring the selection of students from many Kenyon departments.

In interviewing Professor Horwitz regarding other plans for 1968-69, the Collegian was informed that the Department of Political Science will be cooperating with the College administration in cutting back on curriculum and sharply reducing student registration for the coming year. These efforts are designed to help overcome the problems created by the rapid growth in Departmental enrollment in the last two years. Published statistics indicate that course enrollment in Political Science as of February, 1966 was 150, while by November, 1967, it had reached 475. Departmental majors during this period increased from 25 to 66. The resulting 96 to 1 student/faculty ratio — nearly double the Kenyon average — has given rise to student and faculty complaints about oversized classes, the elimination of term papers in most courses, and a continued, heavy overload for the faculty. According to Mr. Horwitz, the College administration has considered the situation in detail and proposes cutbacks as the only available way to maintain high teaching standards and honor the College's com-

mitments to the Ford and Earhart Foundation that are presently paying a portion of the salary of three of the Department's five members.

Inasmuch as the financial pressures faced by the College during the coming fiscal year preclude any net increase in Political Science staff, the Department is co-operating with the administration in taking immediate steps to retrench in various ways. Among

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Western Wenchies Arrive for Song Fest

The annual service of Lenten music, featuring the Western College Choir and most Kenyon and Gambier musicians, will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the College Chapel.

The Western Choir, directed by Richard Monaco, will open the evening with a performance of two hymns, "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee," and "How Excellent Thy Name." The former is a work of Gregg Smith, and the latter was composed by Howard Hanson, recipient of an honorary degree from Kenyon in 1966.

A series of carols by Benjamin Britten will follow. The Western choir and several soloists will be accompanied by Jean Harriman on the harp.

Gabriel Faure's Requiem will close the performance. The combined choirs and Robert Pforsich's String Ensemble will be under the direction of Frank Lendrim.

To the Editor:

The article on curriculum in the February 15th issue contains a misleading statement: "Physical Science 1-2 . . . will be dropped next year . . ."

I have consulted with Professor York and find the true situation to be as follows: The Chemistry Department will not participate directly in this course next year, which will be listed solely under Physics. The Chemistry Department has under study an alternative guided elective to be offered no sooner than Fall, 1969.

James H. Harrold

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Lords Sink Otters Track Weathers For Record Crowd Rough Afternoon

by Ron Smith

The Lords reached what may have been their high point of regular season play Wednesday night when they sunk a fine Otterbein team, 113-95.

Playing before a record standing-room crowd of 2410 people, Kenyon played a smooth and confident game. Each starter hit in succession for a 10-4 lead in the early minutes. Parmelee came up with several steals as a rugged press forced Otterbein into mistakes. But the talented Cardinals came right back to tie the score at 19 all.

Kenyon went back out front 24-21, then Otterbein scored nine straight points to take its only significant lead, 30-24. The Lords whittled it to 40-37 with three minutes left, then reeled off fourteen in a row to streak to a 51-40 edge as the half ended. Their backs broken, the Ottermen never really threatened again. Rinka scored eight big points in the vital surge.

Otterbein's Lorenzo Hunt found he couldn't handle the moves of John Dunlop and with 17 minutes left in the game became the first player to found out. Five minutes later Marty left on personals. He was quickly followed by Fox and Finstrom.

With only a 77-66 lead and a weakened forecourt there was some reason for worry. But Rinka took over to score goal after goal

and Dunlop showed great moves around the basket. Strong clutch performances by Lee Johnson and Greg Foster helped the Lords pull far ahead. Rinka and Dunlop went out when the lead reached 24, 111-87. Rinka ended with 41; Dunlop, 26.

This was victory number 20 for the Lords and their 11th in a row. Otterbein is now 12-7. Kenyon is 9-2 in the OC, Otterbein 8-3.

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Kenyon hit 55% from the floor, due mostly to Rinka's 71%, Dunlop's 61%, and Marty's 83%. . . . Rinka's shooting was fantastic. He hit on 15 of 21, and three of the ones he missed were twisting layups. His outside shooting was near-perfect. . . . The Lords needed 114 points to come back up to 100 average. But 99.9 isn't too bad. (The old season record is 83.9 ppg.)

The team this year has already broken 28 school records, and will probably get nine more. Six OC records have been set and four others should fall by the season's end. . . . The strong showings of Johnson and Foster may have brightened Coach Harrison's hopes. When Fox and Parmelee are gone the front line could still be presentable. . . . This was a foul-ridden game, with 62 personals called and seven players fouling out. General opinion seemed to be that it wasn't all the players.

This past Saturday the Great Lakes Indoor Championships were held at Denison University. Nearly 100 athletes from 8 colleges engaged in the day long encounter; among them were 10 from Gambier, the smallest contingent.

It would be nice and impressive if one could say that spectacular were the feats of these ten, but accuracy would resist. The competition was understandably balanced, but the Purple did manage to better the efforts of two larger groups from Earlham (Ind.) and Oberlin.

Art Hensley jumped 6'2" to win the gold medal on one fewer miss in the high jump against strong pressure from a form-minded Wabash athlete. He also placed third in the 55 yd. low hurdles and took fourth in the long jump with an effort somewhat below his normal output.

Another field competitor, Pierce Scranton, had his best performance thus far. His vault of 12'6" led the field of eleven until the what seemed to be the closing moments of the event. But, rather startlingly, three men cleared 12'9" with ease on their last attempts to put Scranton's effort in fourth position. Then Wooster's Poth made 13' "standing up" after

having passed lower heights, and Pierce fell to fifth.

Notable among Kenyon achievements was the surprising finish of Don Mayer in the 300 yd. dash. His time of 33.8 sec. was a step and a tenth of a second off the winner's and gave him the silver prize.

Gregg Johnson, who showed a new side of versatility running various combinations in the sprints and the relays had one of the faster times in the prelims of the 300 but failed to qualify for the finals. He also missed out in the 55 yd. dash.

One of the more interesting results came in a Denison track specialty, the 8-lap relay. With an oddly combined team of sprinters, a vaulter and Pete Gallier (promising freshman hurdler from California), Kenyon ran against good teams from the other seven colleges and placed fourth. Besides Gallier the relay consisted of Johnson, Saul Benjamin and Mayer who ran a strong anchor leg.

Though not placing in their events others who weathered the long day were Russ Tuversen (699 and mile relay), Chuck Haraway (mile relay), Walt Petryshen (vault) and Mitch Sosis (mile and 2 mile).

Yeomen Fall Easily, 96-83

by Andy Bersin

Last Saturday night the intellectual powerhouses of the Ohio Conference met in the final regular season game in which the Kenyon cagers trounced Oberlin 96-83.

In a rather dull contest, the Lords had the game under control from the outset. Rinka and Dunlop, displaying their in and out moves, drove the Lords to a commanding 18-11 lead. Oberlin was determined to play a slow, keep away game throughout but the Lords were just as determined to press the inexperienced Yeomen.

As the first half progressed it was obvious that the only running Oberlin was going to do was of the illegal nature. The first half was marked by the barraling drives of Rinks, the cat-like maneuvers of Dilly underneath the hoop and the pinpoint outside shooting of the famous "deadeye" Kit Marty. But the Lords had committed far too many turnovers and were guilty of mental lapses on both offense and defense. Thus despite Rinks' 22 at half we held an unimpressive but insurmountable 43-30 advantage.

The hope for a more enjoyable game was vanquished as Oberlin opened the second half with the familiar ring-around the court style. Waiting for the good shot is a good brand of basketball if a team works the ball well inside. But as far as I could surmise the Oberlin players worked the ball outside which accomplishes nothing but lower scores.

Kenyon didn't work the ball well on offense but their hustle on defense caused many Oberlin miscues. With Rinks continuing his arsenal of assorted layups and Kit Marty's remarkable shooting from outside, as well as hitting the classic 22 shot, the Lords remained 15 to 20 ahead of the out-gunned Yeomen.

On the foul line it was Dunlop's show. Dilly hit ten straight to break Rinks' record of 28 straight, but not before number 28 played games on the rim before falling through. John came within one of the conference record of 35 before he missed a technical. Right now Dilly is hitting better than 88% from the foul line, which leads the conference (as well as the Professional Basketball Association).

With the game trend remaining consistant the Lords emerged the easy victory 96-83. Rinks led the scorers with 36, followed by Dilly's 24, in an understandable let down game for the Lords.

The contest was the last home game for two seniors, Captain Dick Fox and forward Terry Parmelee. Their contributions to Kenyon's success are too numerous to mention; it's sufficient to say that their presence at Wertheimer Field House will sorely be missed next year.

Wittenberg Tops Lord Wrestlers

by Dave Balfour

The Kenyon wrestling team lost to the Wittenburg Tigers last Saturday at the field house in the final match of the season.

The count does indicate that probably Wittenberg was the best team the Lords faced all year. Wittenberg had beaten a good Wooster team 26-13, a team that defeated the Lords by a decisive margin. The Tigers combined five pins, four decisions and a draw to win.

There were very few good performances although there were several close decisions. At 115, Mark Smith lost to Ralston, one of the best in the conference, on a fall at 5:03 of his match. Tom Aberant, at 123, lost a 1-0 decision to Brown, besides having a 2½ minute deficit in riding time.

DeGood, at 130, pinned Andy Hill at 4:17 of the match. John Friis-Mikkelsen, at 137, had an 8-0 count run up against him by Caruso, close to the best at 137, before losing by a fall at 4:09.

Rick Greiser combined a take-down and reversal to win a 4-0 decision from Baughan at 145 and Gary Nave, at 152, had a 1-1 draw with Brady but lost the decision by one second riding time. Llewellyn and Davenport, at 160 and 167, lost 7-5 and 3-2 decisions to Billheimer and George. Ed Lentz lost an 8-2 contest to Winsler at 177. Rick Yorke and Ed Gaines at 191 and unlimited lost by falls at 2:49 and 3:11 of their

matches respectively to Connelly and Foster.

TAKEDOWNS

The Lords finish the season at 3-6 and this could have been reversed if things had gone the other way in three matches. . . . Wooster, Wesleyan and Wittenberg were definitely the best the Lords have faced this winter. This Saturday a number of the Lords travel to Hiram for conference matches on the Terrier mats. . . . Rick Davenport (4-5) and Fred Llewellyn, at 160 and 167, the two freshmen, will probably go. . . . Greiser (5-1-2), now that Rajabi has gone down to 137, will have Carter of Capital Bird of Wesleyan to contend with. Nave (5-3-1) will have close matches with Tegrottenheist of Wesleyan, Hatch of Wooster, and Clemmons of Oberlin to name a few.

John Friis-Mikkelsen (2-4-1) will probably go at 137 as will Mark Smith (5-2) at 115 and/or Tom Aberant (4-5) at either 115 or 123, depending on whether Tom goes down a class. . . . The Lords should do well as both Nave and Greiser won five of their last six matches while Llewellyn and Smith have been performing well all year. . . . Aberant and Davenport ran into some rough opponents but still finished close to 5:00, especially Tom who lost several matches in the last minute. . . . Friis is capable of doing much better also.

Swimmers Topple Denison, O.W.U.

by Bill Howard

The pain of the close Oberlin upset was somewhat soothed as the Lords triumphed 59-45 over Denison last Wednesday at Granville, and returned to Shaffer pool on Friday to defeat the Ohio Wesleyan swimmers 67-36. However, these two losing OAC powers gave further indication that the Conference Championships will be much closer this year than last year.

Contrary to last year's contest, the Denison meet, which was decided in the last relay, was enough to keep the seven loyal Kenyon fans who packed the Denison Pool on the edge of their seats. Denison usually has a top medley relay team because of their back-stroker, Wilder, their breastroker, Donough, and their butterflyer, McBurney. But Hale, Koller, Neff, and Cowen were just a little better and beat them by a second, setting a pool record of 3:48.7.

The 1000 yd. free was close, and although Keith Bell picked up half a pool length in the last 9 laps to finish with the same time as Denison's Veermeren, the judges awarded first place to the Big Red swimmer. Howard and Walther placed 1-2 in the 200 freestyle, and Larry Witner placed first in the 50 free with a time of 22.9.

Doug Hutchinson was ahead in the 200 yd. I.M. until the freestyle leg, but lost by only .4

second to Denison's Reister. It was unusual that Offenburger took third in the diving, and after this event, Kenyon led by only four points. Neff's 200 butterfly against McBurney was the most exciting race of the day. Doug took it out fast and got an early body length lead which he held until the final quarter-length of the pool, when he tightened up and was overtaken by McBurney.

Witner won the 100 by .1 second, and Howard and Ruttan took first and second in the 500 free against Veermeren. Dan Hale had his best time ever in the 200 back with a 2:14, but could only manage a third place against outstanding competition. Koller and Frank took first and third in the 200 breast with the fine times of 2:23.8 and 2:28.9.

If Hutchinson, Howard, Cowen and Witner hadn't won the final relay, Denison would have tied the Lords in the meet, but they won by 2 seconds even while holding their starts.

The Wesleyan meet could have been a much better meet than it was, but the Wesleyan swimmers lost their spirit when they failed to win the 400 yd. medley relay. Highlights of the meet were Karl Ruttan's 1:56.9 in the 200 free; Larry Witner's winning 49.7 in the 100 free; and Keith Bell's winning time of 5:27.3 in the 500 free. Kenyon's free relay team missed a pool record by only .1 second.

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Drugs

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to be offering a commentary; more, most of what he writes has little basis in fact. This letter is less a defense of drug use than a clarification of the facts which Professor Hecht has chosen to disregard.

... A sensitive and fulfilled life is possible without resorting to ... marijuana.

Indeed, a sensible and fulfilled life is possible without the use of drugs. This is not to say, however, that drug use makes this kind of life any less possible. Nor is it to say that the use of drugs precludes or inhibits such a life. To many, drug use is fulfilling in itself.

... There is nothing inherently educational, intellectual or sophisticated in the use of [drugs].

Of course, there is nothing inherently educational, intellectual, or sophisticated in the use of drugs; no one, certainly not the Committee, has implied that there is. By the same token, there is nothing inherently educational, intellectual, or sophisticated in looking at a sculpture, seeing a movie, or baking a pumpkin pie; one must react. Personality and perception must be brought to bear before exposure to anything can become more than gratuitous and perfunctory.

... The effects of drugs erode and eventually destroy the self-discipline necessary to acquire knowledge and to manipulate thoughts.

Nowhere in the Report is there mention made that marijuana, about which the College seems particularly concerned, can do such a thing. The NASPA Report, upon whose information the Committee relied, notes that this claim cannot be substantiated. Furthermore, "in some cases, there appear to be no effects at all." For those who do feel negative effects as dire as Professor Hecht suggests, there is little to offer but the speculation that those who become undisciplined by the use of drugs had little or no self-discipline to begin with. How many, in fact, are subject to the supposed erosion and destruction is debatable. There are too many knowledgeable, thoughtful people — both on the Kenyon campus and elsewhere — who have had drug experiences without such effects to give credence to Professor Hecht's postulate.

... The need to use marijuana ... is ... symptomatic of an emotional or psychological disturbance.

To condemn the use of marijuana is such a way is absolutely irrelevant. Stuttering and asthma are also known to be symptomatic of an emotional or psychological disturbance. Every irregularity is symptomatic of something and no one is perfectly balanced, but how much does it really matter? If a disturbed person stops smoking marijuana, he is not going to cure himself. The Committee is looking for guidelines regarding the problem of drugs, not the treatment of psychoses.

... The rejection of conscious reality in favor of a drug-induced frame of experience tends to create a social attitude which is contrary to the purpose and goals of an education as sought by Kenyon students.

The use of drugs does not necessarily imply a rejection of conscious reality; it is said rather to heighten reality. Drugs answer, in Aldous Huxley's words, "the urge to transcend self-conscious selfhood." Secondly, how many Kenyon students does Pro-

Letters

To the Editor:

I should like to ask Perspective writer Thomas Au where he gets his figures. If his argument had been cogently reasoned, I would accuse him of attempting to defraud his readers, but I am convinced that he wrote in good faith, and is guilty only of faulty reasoning. If he believes, as I do, that the reasons for U.S. involvement in Vietnam have not been made clear to the public, then he should do so instead of further clouding the issue.

Since I know very little about Vietnam, I object strenuously to the attempt to propagandize rather than educate. How does Mr. Au know that in 1958, 99% of our population did not know where Vietnam was? How does he guess that the Viet Cong must have killed fully one hundred times more than we have?

Mr. Au's first answer deviously switches a discussion of civil war to one of revolution. He refuses moreover to distinguish the apparently irreconcilable terms, nationalist and militarist. If animosity between Northerners and Southerners is proof conclusive of "this," by which I assume he means the two nations' disparate-ness, then I see reason to fear a renewal of our own civil war.

I object in addition to the blanket statement accusing random Asian governments of extraordinary corruption, as strongly as I do to sentences which purport the writer to be a spokesman for the feelings of the "Asian nations."

Beyond these reservations, the article degenerates into illegitimate analogies and obtuse writing. But my patriotic hackles are raised when Mr. Au refers to unilateral action as "the American way," and when he defends a president who is selfless and concerned, albeit incompetent and uninformed. I hope that none of us ever has the opportunity to say in defense of our country that "the government, although not very efficient, was not extremely oppressive."

In short, let us have writers who are willing to take the responsibility concomitant with discussion of this nature. The statements of Messrs. Sullivan and Shapiro evidence honest thought about the issue; Mr. Au's was not worthy of the newspaper.

W. Bruce Robinson '69

fessor Hecht speak for when he discusses our purpose and goals regarding education? He has not yet consulted anyone I know.

... The atmosphere of trust which generally underlies student-faculty relationships at Kenyon College is dependent on personal sincerity, integrity and sobriety. The secrecy which ... surrounds the use of marijuana seriously impairs this trust ...

I am in thorough agreement that the atmosphere of trust at Kenyon depends on 'personal sincerity, integrity and sobriety.' Those on this campus who use drugs are, of necessity, secretive about these activities, but need not — and, I suspect, are not — secretive about all that much else. Students do not expect a teacher to discuss his sex life with them, or his tolerance for martinis, or his family history, any more than they expect to discuss their own. This does not seem to impair their mutual trust; there is no reason why marijuana use

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jects Committee, in the responsibility of IFC to formulate their own rules, or the freedom to entertain women guests on dance weekends as under normal circumstances are not entirely unimportant matters. Beyond that Senate appears ready to act fairly soon in the areas of drug legislation and student rights and freedoms. Any Senate proposal extrapolated from the findings of the drug report and subsequent criticism is bound to represent an improvement over the stark statement on the subject in the handbook at present. In addition new statements in the handbook regarding protection against improper disclosure, the privacy of student records, the investigation of student conduct, and the off-campus freedom of students should be of enduring benefit to all students at Kenyon.

Mr. Strong notes that his real intention is not so much to criticize Senate as much as it is to clarify the way Senate must be viewed. I am afraid that Mr. Strong's views, because of some essential misunderstandings, tend only to obfuscate and confuse student opinion on this matter. In fact he was close to half of the truth of the matter when he remarked, "There is too much discussion, too much referral, too much concern for the community ramifications, too many reports, too many committees for Senate

should and no indication that it does. In suggesting, as he later does, that students expose those who use drugs and that incoming students sign a drug disclaimer affidavit before admission, Professor Hecht demonstrates that he maintains the least trust of anyone. If the Kenyon community is based, as we all want to believe, on trust and integrity, these suggestions undermine the structure more than any amount of drugs.

... The regular consumption of drugs ... presupposes the availability of considerable sums of money. Since not all consumers of drugs are financially independent, it is inevitable that the unfunded consumer will eventually have to resort to asocial acts to support his habits. (italics mine.)

Here Professor Hecht has resorted to the famous and absurd dictum that a dope fiend will murder and loot to support his habit. I have no response to this other than disbelief that Professor Hecht has chosen to ignore both the Committee's findings and common sense and repeat one of the most popular old wives' tales. Tell me, Professor Hecht, do toads cause warts?

Professor Hecht asks that the Senate adopt strict laws against marijuana because its use "represents an attitude which is irreconcilable with the professed orientation of the College Community." The Committee addresses itself to this problem when it discusses the possibility of marijuana effectively destroying a "sense of community." While urging discussion of the problem, it notes that the passage of time tends to undermine the divisive effects of drug use within a community. Here and throughout, Professor Hecht shows that he read wrong, read carelessly, or read not at all. The Committee has prepared an encompassing and thoughtful paper; Professor Hecht has managed to preserve all his previous opinions. It is not so much that he has not let the Report influence him as it is that he has evidently not given it a chance. Certainly, it deserves that much and more.

— Richard Krupp, '68

to be devoted to pure legislation." Mr. Strong goes on to say that there is nothing necessarily wrong with such apparently tortuous and protracted parliamentary debate except that students expect Senate to be legislatively productive. He fails to point out, however, that there are other functional responsibilities and criteria with which to evaluate the Senate's role and performance. One need only refer to the student handbook and the recommendations of the College's Educational Policies Committee in 1963 to gain a larger perspective concerning the functions of the Senate. The Committee (after thorough investigation into the deficiencies of the then existing system of student government) called for the creation of a Campus Senate whose primary duty would be to determine and interpret policy regarding student affairs. In a large sense, then, it seems that the Senate was intended to fill both a deliberative and a power function (as well as a communication one) charged with specific responsibility of formulating and interpreting the rules and policies of student life.

In this light, many of the deficiencies of Mr. Strong's analysis become obvious. Senate cannot be purely legislative not because it has no real power as Mr. Strong says, but because it simply was never intended by the formers of the Constitution to be purely legislative. Furthermore Mr. Strong's assertion that, "Senators do not sit for hours deciding what should be done, they only investigate what can be done," appears to be a lot of political nonsense. Any deliberative political body must, of course, combine the moral and pragmatic function in order to explore grounds of accommodation between different interest groups and/or people with different points of view. In short such a dual edged attitude of mind and procedure constitutes the art of political compromise. Such a process also inevitably involves a great degree of discussion, delay, and apparent inactivity which Mr. Strong bemoans as causing consternation and frustration among students.

From his brief exposure to the Senate I had hoped Mr. Strong would have gleaned a greater appreciation of the deliberative and advisory (as in referral) roles of the Senate as opposed to its formally legislative role. At our meeting of February 13 Mr. Strong submitted a tentative proposal to change the financial basis of the Film Society. Senate responded promptly and endorsed his proposal in principle, subject to approval by the Student Council which retains ultimate jurisdiction regarding any changes in the students' general fee. In short Senate exercised its more subtle powers and authority to see that Mr. Strong's proposal receive the proper consideration it deserved. Such a move probably does not constitute 'significant legislation' but it may in fact result in bringing a better quality of films to Gambier.

— Charles W. Kenrick
Secretary
Campus Senate

Mr. Kenrick:

Indeed, as a contributing editor, Mr. Strong is entitled to express his opinions on the editorial page of the Collegian. I do not think however, as you do, that "serious journalistic questions" have been raised.

If you think opinion cannot be expressed on an editorial page, as you clearly indicate when you say Mr. Strong is in no sense merely selecting and reporting facts, then I suggest you read the editorial page of any news-

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other things, further courses are being dropped from the catalogue, the activation of courses planned for Fall, 1968 (such as Political Parties) will be postponed or dropped altogether and some established courses, such as International Relations, will be suspended. Further cuts will be made, as required, in the Department's seminar offering and Honors Program, which was cut back sharply during the current year. These reductions in curriculum and enrollment should result in long-range savings by effectively reducing the number of future majors. At the same time, students already majoring in Political Science will be protected through arrangements being proposed to the Registrar. It is anticipated that majors will be given preference in registering for required courses, with a number of Political Science courses being restricted to majors if necessary.

Prizes

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award in both is a signed volume of the poet's works.

Deadline is March 30. A wider topic is available for the George Gund prize this year, \$250 and \$150 prizes will be awarded the best essays that illuminate the nature of American life, culture or principles of government.

Reveille

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tion of athletics? Rumor has it a good 60% of the college is involved in athletics at one time or another. That's all right! Later on in life we wanted to see the children of Gambier anyway! We'd much rather see the interesting light patterns obtained by photographing some gnarled barn beam at four o'clock in the morning! And Golly! Instead of cutting out my yearbook pictures so I can paste them on the wall, they're all cut out for me! We strongly urge Mr. Spaid to reconsider the "traditional mold." It works!

Pierce Scranton '68

paper in the country, including the past issues of the Collegian. Is my editorial merely selecting and presenting facts? The Perspective column? Simply because staff editors are not often moved to express opinion does not mean that they do not have every journalistic right to do so.

What is at issue is the accuracy and responsibility of what Mr. Strong has to say, not his privilege to express it.

The Editor

Mr. Scanton:

Several points should be made apropos of your letter.

The '68 Reveille will say everything a "traditional yearbook" traditionally says. There will be pictures of various athletic events, public lectures, concerts, the theatre and the plays, poetry readings, the big weekends, the faculty and seniors, fraternities, and the campus. There is rarely anything new or distinctive to say that distinguishes one year from another. But there are new ways of saying the old things. And that is what Reveille is trying to do.

Further, there is a fine line between one-ups-manship and creativity.

To clear up one other point, Editor Spaid did not write the article in the last issue.

— The Editor